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REMARKS

Claims 2-6 and 8-15 remain pending in the application. Applicant amends claims 2-3, 5-6, and 8-15 for clarification. No new matter has been added.

Support for the claim amendments may be found for example page 15, line 2 – page 16, line 2 and page 18, lines 8-13.

In addition examples of the functions of the multimedia communication apparatus are listed on page 15, line 2-11.

Applicant's claimed invention in an example embodiment provides for a mobile terminal to negotiate with a server (for example) for reserving a function of an apparatus controlled by the server (for example a video communication apparatus). Applicant's mobile terminal may reserve the video communication apparatus, and then the mobile terminal may negotiate with another communication partner for communicating with the partner utilizing video communication utilizing the reserved video communication apparatus.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The indefinite item pointed out in the office action has been clarified herein. It is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2-4, 6 and 8-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Van den Heuvel et al. (U.S. 5,301,359) (hereinafter Van den Heuvel). Claims 5 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Van den Heuvel in view of Naim (U.S. 6,779,115).

With reference Van den Heuvel., it appears the Office Action is equating the bulletin board controller with the server and the different communication systems available with applicant's multimedia communication apparatus.

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However applicant's claimed invention for example claim 2, recites a negotiation for reserving the function. The cited reference does not teach the terminal negotiates with the bulletin board controller to reserve a function of an apparatus. While the reference may teach registration with a system, the bulletin board controller is not reserving the function for the terminal. The registration in the system of the reference is described on col. 4 starting line 2. There is no description of reserving the function for the terminal only registration.

With regard to claim 3 applicant recites: a means for displaying available kinds of communication with the other communication terminal, as notified from the other communication terminal.

The cited reference does not mention anywhere that the other terminal which the claimed terminal is going to communicate with notifies the claimed terminal of available kinds of communication. In the reference the bulletin board controller notifies of available systems. The reference does not teach that the terminal conducts communications with the bulletin board controller over the selected communications system.

Further applicant claims negotiating with the server and negotiating with the other communication terminal.

It is respectfully submitted the cited reference fails to teach at least the above features.

Therefore, the cited reference does not disclose the claimed features of a hand-held terminal negotiating with a negotiation unit or server and reserving a function of a multimedia communication apparatus, and displaying the available kinds of communication associated with the reserved function with another communication apparatus.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2, together with claims 4-6 dependent therefrom, is patentable over Van den Heuvel for at least the above-stated reasons.

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Correspondingly, Van den Heuvel, as cited and relied upon in the Office Action, does not disclose the claimed feature of negotiating with a communication partner, conducting a kind of communication through a reserved function of a multimedia communication apparatus, and displaying the available kinds of communication that are notified from the communication partner.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 3, together with claims 8-11 dependent therefrom, is patentable over Van den Heuvel for at least the above-stated reasons.

Claim 12 includes a receiving unit to receive signals including information with respect to a class of multimedia communication services available to the partner communication terminal from the partner communication terminal.

The reference fails to teach this feature and this feature is not mentioned in the Office Action.

Claim 13 includes a controlling unit to detect a change of a class of multimedia communication available for own terminal through the negotiation and then control said transmitting unit to transmit signals including information with respect to the change of the class of multimedia communication. The reference fails to teach this feature and this feature is not mentioned in the Office Action.

Claim 15 includes a mobile radio communication unit providing an interface to a mobile radio communication network, and a local radio communication unit for providing an interface to a local area radio communication network. The reference fails to teach these features and they are not mentioned in the Office Action.

Further Claims 12-16 include at least features that correspond to those of claims 2 and 3 cited above, and are, therefore, patentable over Van den Heuvel for at least the same reasons.

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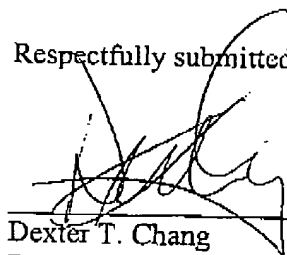
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In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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